

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING AND PUBLIC COMMENT

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) seek written and oral comments from interested persons on the development of Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) to address impairments in the following six watersheds: Goldmine Creek, Beaver Creek, Mountain Run, Pamunkey Creek, Terrys Run and Plentiful Creek. The subject stream segments are identified in Virginia's *2002 303(d) Report on Impaired Waters* as impaired due to exceedances of the State's water quality criterion for fecal coliform bacteria.

Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act and §62.1-44.19:7.C of the Code of Virginia require DEQ to develop TMDLs for pollutants responsible for each impaired water contained in Virginia's 303(d) list.

The impaired stream segments are located in Louisa, Orange, and Spotsylvania Counties. The first impairment is a 7.16-mile segment of Goldmine Creek extending from the headwaters of the Creek, near the intersection of Routes 22 and 625, downstream to the confluence with Lake Anna, about 1 mile north of Route 613. The second impairment is a 2.51-mile segment of Beaver Creek extending from the confluence of Cooks Creek and Beaver Creek, approximately 0.68 rivermiles upstream from the Route 638 bridge, downstream to its confluence with the North Anna River, about 1 mile west of Route 669. The third impairment is a 2.52-mile segment of Mountain Run beginning at the confluence of Madison Run and Mountain Run, about 1.5 miles east of Route 15, downstream to its confluence with the North Anna River, about 1 mile south of Route 643. The fourth impairment is a 12.14-mile segment of Pamunkey Creek extending from the confluence of Tomahawk Creek and Church Creek (where Pamunkey Creek begins), near the intersection of Routes 612 and 631, downstream to the confluence with Lake Anna, about 1 mile east of Route 651. The fifth impairment is a 5.45-mile segment of Terrys Run extending from confluence of Horsepen Branch to Terrys Run, near Route 619, downstream to the confluence with Lake Anna, near Route 651. The sixth impairment is a 3.15-mile segment of Plentiful Creek extending from the confluence of an unnamed tributary to Plentiful Creek, near Route 601, downstream to the confluence with Lake Anna, about 1 mile south of Route 653.

The first public meeting on the development of the Goldmine Creek, Beaver Creek, Mountain Run, Pamunkey Creek, Terrys Run and Plentiful Creek Bacteria TMDLs will be held on **Tuesday, September 28, 2004 at 7:00 p.m.** at the Belmont Community Center, located at 7124 Belmont Road in Mineral, Virginia.

The public comment period will begin on September 28, 2004, and end on October 27, 2004. A fact sheet on the development of the TMDLs for the impairments referenced above is available upon request. Questions or information requests should be addressed to Bryant Thomas. Written comments should include the name, address, and telephone number of the person submitting the comments and should be sent to Mr. Bryant Thomas, Department of Environmental Quality, 13901 Crown Court, Woodbridge, Virginia, 22193, telephone (703) 583-3843, Fax (703) 583-3841, or e-mail bhthomas@deq.virginia.gov.